



U.S. Citizenship  
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Services

# Advisory

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## **USCIS TO WELCOME AROUND 200 NEW CITIZENS** *Ceremony Highlights the American Dream in Action*

HONOLULU, HI – A group of nearly 200 Honolulu-area residents from 22 countries will take the Oath of Allegiance and become United States citizens during a special ceremony tomorrow at the Neal Blaisdell Center, Pikake Room. The ceremony will commemorate Citizenship Day. The Honorable David Alan Ezra, Chief Judge of the United States District Court, will preside over the ceremony. David Gulick, Director of the Honolulu U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) District, will also participate. The Royal Hawaiian Band will perform. Gifts of leis, flags and the Constitution and Bill of Rights will be distributed by the Lion's Club, the Veterans of Foreign Wars and the Masonic Orders, respectively.

The Honolulu District Office grants citizenship to more than 6,000 people yearly throughout the Hawaiian Islands and Guam.

On March 1, 2003, USCIS became one of three legacy Immigration and Naturalization Service components to join the U.S. Department of Homeland Security. USCIS is charged with fundamentally transforming and improving the delivery of immigration and citizenship services, while enhancing our nation's security. Each year, USCIS welcomes more than 450,000 citizens during naturalization ceremonies across the United States. That number includes more than 8,000 service members who have naturalized through an expedited process stemming from their involvement in the war on terrorism.

**EVENT:** Naturalization Ceremony

**DATE:** September 17, 2004, at 6:30 p.m.

**LOCATION:** Neal Blaisdell Center, Pikake Room  
Honolulu, HI

**PRINCIPAL:** USCIS Honolulu District Director, David Gulick  
Judge David Alan Ezra

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